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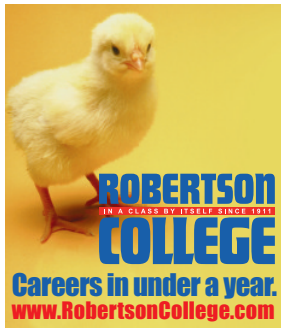

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Unpaid fees get kids barred from lunchroom

Parents fuming, but official says school made efforts to reach them

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Parents of two young children banished from their school lunchroom over unpaid fees are outraged their kids were punished.

Rob Mikkelson was fuming upon learning Friday that his six-year-old son was told to eat outside the lunchroom at Vista Heights elementary in the city's northeast because the fees were not paid.

Calgary Board of Education spokesperson Ted Flitton was aware of the instance, noting the school has been working with the parents to pay the requisite lunchroom-supervision fees.

> **"I know the fees weren't paid, but it isn't fair to single out a six-year-old and make him sit away from his friends."**
> Rob Mikkelson, father

Still, punishing the student for a parent's inability to pay doesn't sit well with dad.

"I know the fees weren't paid, but it isn't fair to single out a six-year-old and make him sit away from his friends. It's embarrassing and it's wrong to discipline the child, he didn't do anything wrong," Mikkelson said.

Mikkelson said a family friend's eight-year-old daughter was also told to eat outside of the lunchroom because the fees were not paid, but he said she is struggling to come up with the money.

Flitton confirmed two students were asked to eat outside the lunchroom for four days because it is for students who have paid the fees — but he added school administration made several attempts to contact the parents.

"The school sent home numerous letters and notes in their agendas and also tried calling the students' parents, but there was never any response at all," Flitton said.

"We understand that sometimes there are parents who are not on the same level financially and we try to work with them. We are flexible, but these parents never responded at all for some reason."

Flitton said both parents have since connected with the school and he believed both students would be back in the lunchroom today.

Criminal probe still possible in BMO fraud

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MORTGAGES The RCMP is assessing 35,000 pages of documents in an alleged mortgage fraud in Calgary before it decides if criminal charges are warranted.

A CBC story yesterday cited sources as saying the Bank of Montreal was told by authorities they were not pursuing the case, but RCMP spokesperson Sgt. Patrick Webb said that is false.

"We are still assessing thousands of pages of documents and we won't know until we are done," Webb said.

"But to say that we have decided not to pursue the case is false."

Webb said the RCMP have had thousands of pages in documents handed over to them in only the last two weeks and expect more to come.

"From our point of view we are still assessing, but I would have to bet that this may proceed into a criminal investigation based on what we have seen so far," Webb said.

Kevin Brookwell, spokesperson for the Calgary police, said they are working with the RCMP on the investigation.

"It's a very complex case and we will go through all of the documents and proceed accordingly if there is a criminal element to it," Brookwell said.

The Bank of Montreal has filed a massive lawsuit accusing hundreds of Albertans — including Tory MP Devinder Shory — of an alleged $70-million mortgage scheme.

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Cops seek alleged bank robber

Calgary police are looking for a man they believe is responsible for at least seven bank robberies across the city since November 2009. Police say there was a break in the robberies, but believe the suspect is becoming more aggressive with each heist. Police are asking anyone with information to contact them at 403-266-1234. METRO CALGARY

News in brief

IMPACT STATEMENT After being blinded by a gunshot in September 2008, Jose Neto, 26, will deliver his impact statement in court today. Neto, a Brazilian student, had only been in Calgary for eight months when he was hit by a stray bullet during a downtown altercation. According to witnesses, Roland Ashley Warawa, 31, fired the gun and walked away, apparently unaware that he had struck Neto. METRO CALGARY

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'Dangerous' intersection relatively safe: Official

KATIE TURNER
for Metro Calgary

The intersection that was the sight of a fatal crash on Sunday has been reported as being particularly dangerous, but according to authorities, it is no different than any other intersection.

The collision at the T-intersection of Highway 556 and Highway 9 near Balzac killed a Saskatchewan man and sent five others to the hospital.

Between 2003 and 2008, there have been 10 collisions at that intersection, averaging out to two per year, said Trent Bancarz of Alberta Transportation.

"Given the traffic volumes there, it's quite low," he explained.

"In terms of design, it's a good intersection; the sight lines are very good. There's no reason by design that that should be dangerous."

Garth Rabel, district chief with Rocky View County fire services, said other factors could be contributing to collisions in the area.

He speculates that drivers may be more inclined to let their guard down on less-populated roads in rural areas.

"We regularly see distractions such as cellphones, text messages, music and kids in the car blaring and running around," said Rabel. "We can't be distracted, we have to keep our focus on what we're doing."

In terms of Sunday's accident, Rabel said when he arrived on scene, road conditions and visibility were not an issue.

The RCMP has yet to complete its investigation to determine the cause of the collision.

"I think it's a well set-up intersection it's just, for whatever reason, there's collisions there," said Rabel.

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This intersection of Highway 566 and Highway 9, just northeast of Calgary, has been labelled as "notorious" by some after a recent fatal collision at the site. But emergency professionals and Alberta Transportation say there's nothing unusual about it.

Pro-life group plans to ignore university's warning

KATIE TURNER
for Metro Calgary

ABORTION Despite having been issued an official written warning from the University of Calgary, eight members of the Campus Pro-Life group plan to continue presenting their controversial displays.

The university recently found members of Campus Pro-Life guilty of non-academic misconduct based on the group's Genocide Awareness Project that was displayed at the U of C on April 8.

"I honestly don't know why the university is doing what they're doing," said the group's outgoing president Leah Hallman. "I wish I could give an answer to that because to me it doesn't make sense.

"It doesn't make sense that they would have told us that our right to be there was protected and then take that away from us."

In a statement, the group called the warning "blatant content-based discrimination" and incoming president of the group Alanna Campbell said it plans to challenge the verdict.

Even with the chance of expulsion, Hallman said that all eight members are planning on returning to the U of C and will continue with the Genocide Awareness Project next year.

Both university administration and acting associate vice-provost Meghan Houghton were unable to comment.

Camping at Banff? Long weekends now liquor-free

PROHIBITED Banff National Park is banning alcohol in its campgrounds on long weekends.

Parks Canada staff say they've had too many complaints from campers about intoxicated people ruining their experience in the park.

Wardens say ever since Alberta parks banned alcohol, people have been coming to Banff to drink and party at campgrounds.

Starting this May long weekend, campers will be greeted by wardens and RCMP.

They won't let anyone into campsites with alcohol.

If campers are caught with booze, fines range from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand dollars with jail time.

Wardens say they want to prevent incidents before they happen.

"By the time the enforcement level gets involved it's too late, they're too drunk," said Banff Park Warden Sharon Woods.

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Mount Royal president to step down next year
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Too early in mayoral race for dropouts: Prof

More the merrier, says candidate

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Having high-profile entrants in an open mayoral race isn't deterring lesser-known candidates from sticking it out to the bitter end.

And a city politics professor for Mount Royal University said there is no reason it should intimidate them into dropping out of the race — since it's still early in the battle.

"I think it's more so divided between serious contenders and non-serious contenders and I think eventually there may be serious contenders dropping out if they are looking at fourth or fifth," Prof. Duane Bratt said.

While some believe Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver is a frontrunner to replace Bronconnier, he won't comment on what any candidates may do and only speak for himself.

"My job is to be the right choice for Calgarians," McIver said.

"But I think the number of candidates is good for democracy."

For his part, despite running up against the likes of McIver, Liberal MLA Kent Hehr and Ald. Joe Connelly, activist Paul Hughes says the more the merrier when it comes to a political showdown.

"I think it's great for opening and creating dialogue and I am in it until the end. For me this is a marathon and win or lose it's a great experience and I am there to give people a choice," he said.

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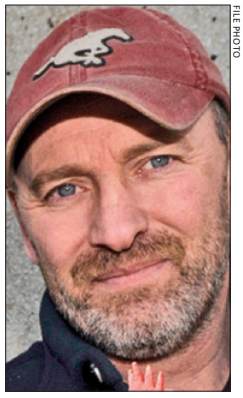
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Activist Paul Hughes

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Ald. Ric McIver

Council allots $70M for Seton recreation centre

VOTE Residents and community members in Seton can now begin fundraising for their recreation centre after city council voted to appropriate $70 million in funds for it.

Fundraisers and private industry will pick up the rest of the bill, expected to be around $120 million.

"This is the ultimate in value for money — use other peoples' money," said Ald. Linda Fox-Mellway, who sponsored the motion.

Ald. Ric McIver opposed the motion, though, saying it would be better to hold off on preparations until information on possible rec projects at Quarry Park and Great Plains was available.

Fox-Mellway

"We are getting a rec centre. That's what I wanted. It's the taxpayers that lost today," said McIver.

Council passed a motion to explore building the two proposed smaller rec centres with private sector help. Fundraisers and private industry will pick up the rest of the bill, expected to be around $120 million.

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Public input for parks in Nov.

COUNCIL The River Park, Sandy Beach and Brittania Slopes area has been heavily used by the community and Ward 11 Ald. Brian Pincott said city council needed to get more public input on its future. His colleagues agreed yesterday, passing his motion at council.

"It's a park that everybody loves and that everybody knows needs help," said Pincott. "We need to figure out how we can allow all the different users to use the park and at the same time protect it."

The public engagement process will begin again in November, with a plan in place by next July.

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The non-profit Sexual Health Access Alberta is closing its doors after 35 years as they've been struggling for donors, according to the program director. The group began operating in 1975 as Planned Parenthood. METRO CALGARY

Alta. nurses lauded on special week

HEALTH From May 10 to 16, Alberta Health Services is recognizing nurses during Nursing Week. "I would like thank nurses and health-care teams for their passion and commitment to improving the health of all Albertans," said AHS president and CEO Stephen Duckett. There are nearly 30,000 nurses throughout Alberta, making them the largest group of health professionals in the province, according to AHS. METRO CALGARY

Child killer gets parole extended

BOARD A convicted murderer who killed a five-year-old Calgary girl 30 years ago has had his day parole extended for six months yesterday by the National Parole Board. The board said while Harold Smeltzer is a "moderate risk" to re-offend, they believe it's manageable. Smeltzer served 27 years in a Regina jail for the murder of Kimberley Thomson. METRO CALGARY

Focus on fire in warm weather

Firefighters issue safety and prevention tips for outdoor living

PETER MCCARTNEY
for Metro Calgary

Calgarians need to break out the ashtrays, check their barbecues, and clean up dead leaves as warm weather finally comes to Calgary, the fire department said yesterday.

The Calgary Fire Department launched its annual Intact Insurance Home Safety Program yesterday, which focuses on preventing outdoor fires.

"Winter is over, we're coming out of hibernation and we are extending our living space to outside the home," said Dean Krupa, community safety officer.

"Preventing fires from starting outside the home is incredibly important, because fires that burn from the outside in often don't set off smoke alarms until it is too late for occupants to evacuate," says Deputy Chief Brad Lorne.

Krupa said people should make their home safer by checking their barbecues, enclosing their house with non-combustible material, keeping bushes trimmed, cleaning up flammable clutter, but especially disposing of cigarettes responsibly.

"All fires start small ... it can lead to an entire neighbourhood being burnt down."
Brad Lorne,
deputy fire chief

The city has dealt with four fires in the past two months that have been caused by carelessly discarding cigarettes in debris or plants that contain peat moss. "All fires start small. It's a spark, it's a match, it's a cigarette, it can lead to an entire neighbourhood being burnt down," said Lorne. Fire crews will go door-to-door in May through October doing a comprehensive fire safety check. They hope to reach 22,000 residents.

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With the weather warming and Calgarians migrating outside more often, community safety officer Dean Krupa warns of some of the fire hazards in our backyards.

Council OK's campus near landfill

SCHOOL Council voted unanimously yesterday to allow a $60-million new private school campus in the city's southeast near the landfill.

Aldermen voted to change the land designation originally intended for a golf course to make way for the private school Tanbridge Academy that will allow Calgarians to use the facility at night and on weekends, according to Ward 14 Ald. Linda Fox-Mellway.

"It's very exciting news for the public and it doesn't cost a cent to the taxpayer," Fox-Mellway said. "It's really exciting that Calgarians will be able to use the facility and council voted unanimously on this."

Developers will build Tanbridge Academy, including a twin-arena, gymnasium, field house fitness training centre and an indoor soccer facility in the area located near 194 Avenue SW. KRISTA SYLVESTER/ METRO CALGARY

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Work begun on Canada's deepest underwater oil well

Chevron Canada Ltd. has begun work on the deepest oil well yet drilled in Canadian waters. The drill ship Stena Carron started sinking the well Sunday night 430 kilometres northeast of St. John's. The company is promising to be careful in the wake of the current oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Williams sued over alleged sex attack

A woman is suing Col. Russell Williams for an alleged sexual attack. The 21-year-old plaintiff, identified only as Jane Doe, claims she has been suicidal and dealing with drug and alcohol dependencies since being attacked in her home on Sept. 17, 2009. She says in the suit she was terrified Williams would kill her or her infant daughter when Williams allegedly broke into her Tweed, Ont.-area home and tied her up, blindfolded her, forced into sexual acts and photographed her over two hours. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Guergis speaks

Former Tory still doesn't know why she got the axe

Speaking out for the first time since Prime Minister Stephen Harper kicked her out of cabinet and the Tory caucus a month ago, Helena Guergis says she still doesn't know the reason why.

The beleaguered former junior cabinet minister told CBC's The National last night that she repeatedly pleaded with Harper to explain exactly what the allegations were against her.

But she said that neither Harper, nor a party lawyer he referred her to, have told her what she's accused of.

"I still don't know what it is I'm supposed to have done," Guergis told the CBC. Guergis, her voice breaking with emotion, said she's been hurt by Harper, who she thinks dislikes her husband, ex-Tory MP Rahim Jaffer.

"If he doesn't like my husband, which I think is pretty clear, that shouldn't damage my working relationship, especially in light of the fact that I have done a good job," she said.

"I just kept saying 'Well, what have I done?' Can you please tell me exactly what I have done so that ... I can address this?"
Helena Guergis, former Tory MP

Guergis told CBC that in a phone call she received while on vacation, Harper referred to serious allegations of "criminal behaviour" without mentioning any specific allegation.

She said Harper discussed her husband and his alleged involvement with drugs, as well as media reports about the couple.

"I was very emotional and, and I know was crying at one point because I was in shock," said Guergis as she spoke of the five-minute call.

"I just kept saying, 'Well, what have I done? Can you please tell me exactly what have I done, so that I can, I can address this."

The former status of women minister broke down as she talked about her husband, saying she plans to stick by him.

"If people in your family make mistakes you don't turn your back on them," she said. "I am committed to my marriage and we will make it through this and we will work it out."

Guergis had made only one public appearance — at a riding association meeting — since being turfed from cabinet on April 9.

The Conservative party dropped her as a candidate last week. She is appealing that decision, but rulings of the party's governing body are considered final.

Harper has never publicly said what allegations compelled him to remove Guergis from caucus and refer the matter to the RCMP, only referring vaguely to "serious allegations."

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Vancouver 'Prince of Pot' surrenders

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Marc Emery receives a hug from a supporter outside the B.C. Supreme Court in Vancouver yesterday prior to turning himself in to be extradited to the United States, ending his high-profile five-year battle to avoid U.S. drug charges related to his Canadian seed-selling business. The federal Justice Department announced that the minister had signed off on the extradition of Canada's self-styled "Prince of Pot" to Washington state. Emery could be turned over to American authorities within days.

EU plan 'credible': Flaherty

FINANCE Canada's finance minister says the latest effort to contain a spreading government debt crisis in Europe, shore up the Euro and prevent the global economic recovery from derailing is "comprehensive and credible."

Jim Flaherty spent the weekend on the phone with many of his foreign counterparts as they discussed the latest economic crisis and the European Union's commitment of $1 trillion to help prop up financially-troubled governments.

"This was important in order to maintain confidence," said Flaherty, who was in Halifax yesterday for an infrastructure announcement.

"We're all watching the impact, particularly the European ministers. ... There are a few economies that need to fiscally consolidate. I expect some more discussions with respect to financial regulation reform and trying to accelerate that agenda."

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Finance Minister Jim Flaherty heads from an RCMP infrastructure announcement after fielding questions on the spreading government debt crisis in Europe at a news conference in Halifax yesterday. Flaherty said Canada's solid financial institutions are the best protection against fallout from the European debt crisis.

European officials were hoping that the size of the package would calm nerves and deter currency speculators from betting on a Euro collapse. Flaherty said he wouldn't attempt to second guess the markets.

"Markets make decisions, but Canada certainly agrees ... that financial-sector reform needs to be accelerated."

Leading industrial countries agreed in 2008 to lay the foundation for change to ensure that a global economic crisis does not happen again.

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Woman now set to marry after ordeal

DUBAI After 2½ years held against her will in Saudi Arabia by her father, described as a conservative Muslim who disapproved of her boyfriend, Canadian citizen Nazia Quazi has finally reached Dubai and was expected to be married by early this morning.

Her boyfriend, Bjorn Singhal, said in an interview from Dubai that he and Quazi, along with parents from both sides, planned to head to the courthouse there to file a marriage application.

Quazi arrived in Dubai yesterday after a years-long ordeal during which she agitated publicly to be released from her father's control. According to Quazi, her father took advantage of Saudi Arabia's male guardianship system — even though he's not of Saudi descent — and confiscated her travel documents and refused to let her go.

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Nazia Quazi

In the last few weeks, however, Quazi Malik Abdul Gaffar seems to have changed his mind. After she and her father touched down in Dubai, Singhal met them at a restaurant.

"I knew she wasn't even comfortable hugging me in her father's presence," Singhal said. "But I hugged her anyways."

Singhal, 29, said he and Quazi, 24, were nervous talking to the parents about the marriage, but that her father's attitude seemed to have changed. "He hugged me, he spoke nicely to my mom. He said, 'I only wanted the kids' happiness.'"

The father explained that the "kids chose the wrong path," Singhal said. "I didn't want to argue with him. Let him blame us as he wants. I just want the marriage to be done and over with."

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News in brief

AFGHANISTAN Peace with the Taliban is possible, but not without a show of patience from the international community, says the Afghan-Canadian governor of Kandahar province.

PLEA Fahim Ahmad, one of the ringleaders of the so-called Toronto 18, has pleaded guilty in mid-trial after a jury heard weeks of evidence that he led a terror cell plotting to attack Parliament and nuclear targets.

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Man boards plane with Costco ID card

MISHAP Air Canada is investigating after a man with the mental age of 12 boarded a plane with only a credit card and ID from Costco.

Doug Tiedeman boarded the plane in Calgary and landed in Ontario. He didn't have anyone waiting for him at the end of the flight and the next 24 hours turned into a nightmare for his parents.

Barry Tiedeman is glad to have his 21-year-old son back home.

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Mass grave unearthed in Serbia
A mass grave, believed to contain the bodies of 250 ethnic Albanians killed in Kosovo during the 1998-99 Servian crackdown on separatists, has been found in Serbia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Obama nominates Harvard law dean

U.S. President Barack Obama yesterday nominated 50-year-old former Harvard law dean Elena Kagan to a lifetime seat on the U.S. Supreme Court, an appointment that could leave his mark on the high court for decades. If confirmed by the Senate, Kagan would become the third woman on the nine-member court, replacing the consensus-building Justice John Paul Stevens, who is 90 and retiring. Kagan was unlikely to change the political balance of the court but would energize its liberal wing.
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Iraq **Deadly day**

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An Iraqi army soldier stands guard at the site of a bombing in the southern Shiite port city of Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, 550 kilometres southeast of Baghdad yesterday. Police said the southern city was hit with three bombings, the latest in a series of attacks killing nearly 100 people across Iraq, making yesterday the deadliest day this year.

U.K. PM Brown says he'll resign by fall

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown made a bid to keep his Labour Party in power, after it was punished in elections last week, announcing he will resign by September even if the Liberal Democrats decide to join his party in government.

The news comes as David Cameron's Conservatives — which won the most seats in Parliament but fell short of a majority — struggled in their attempts to win over Liberal Democrats.

Brown's party is supporting the Liberal Democrats' demand for an overhaul of the voting system toward proportional representation, which would greatly increase that party's future seat tallies.

But evening brought a further twist with a counteroffer from the Conservatives of a referendum on a less dramatic type of electoral reform. While uncertainty prevails, to the displeasure of the markets, one thing appears certain: The career of Brown — the Treasury chief who waited a decade in the wings to become prime minister — is winding to an end. He accepted blame for Labour's loss of 91 seats last week and its failure to win a parliamentary majority.

Gordon Brown

No other party won outright either, resulting in the first "hung Parliament" since 1974 and triggering a frantic scramble between Brown's Labour and the main opposition Conservatives to broker a coalition, or an informal partnership, with the Liberal Democrats. "As leader of my party, I must accept that is a judgment on me," Brown said.
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Brown's decline

- Brown accepts blame for his Labour Party's loss of 91 seats in last week's election and its failure to win a parliament majority.
- He also announced he will resign by September.

Sunday school teacher pleads guilty to murder

CALIFORNIA A Sunday school teacher accused of kidnapping, raping and killing an eight-year-old playmate of her daughter, then stuffing the body in a suitcase, pleaded guilty yesterday to murder.

Melissa Huckaby

Melissa Huckaby, 29, entered the guilty plea in San Joaquin County Superior Court to a charge of first-degree murder with a special circumstance of kidnapping.

As part of a deal with prosecutors, all other charges — including two involving rape and lewd or lascivious conduct with a child under 14 — were dropped.

Huckaby now faces a sentence of 25 years to life in prison without the possibility of parole when she's sentenced June 14.

Authorities say Huckaby killed Sandra Cantu, a playmate of her young daughter, in March 2009. A search for the girl ended after 10 days when her body was found stuffed in a black suitcase pulled from an irrigation pond a few kilometres from the mobile home park where both the child and the defendant lived.

Sandra was last seen on a surveillance camera skipping near her home five doors down from Huckaby.
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Oil spill cleanup could take weeks

GULF OF MEXICO A remote-controlled submarine shot a chemical dispersant into the maw of a massive undersea oil leak yesterday, evidence that authorities expect the gusher to keep erupting into the Gulf for weeks or more.

Crews using the deep-sea robot attempted to thin the oil, rushing up from the seabed at a pace of about 795,000 litres a day after getting approval from the Environmental Protection Agency. Workers were simultaneously drilling a relief well, the solution considered most permanent, but expected take up to three months.

At least 3.5 million gallons (13.3 million litres) were believed to have leaked since an April 20 drilling rig blast killed 11.
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News in brief

PHILIPPINES Sen. Benigno Aquino III, the son of Philippine democracy icons, took an early, commanding lead in presidential polls on a promise to begin prosecuting corrupt officials within weeks to restore credibility to the country's graft-ridden government agencies. Turnout was 75 per cent among about 50-million eligible voters, the Elections Commission said.

U.S. A 12-metre sculpture in rural Maryland of three New York City firefighters raising the U.S. flag at ground zero is being offered on eBay, but there's a catch: You can't take it home. The buyer will be recognized on a plaque as having donated the statue to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Bidding on the towering tribute to heroes of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks will start tomorrow and end May 22, said Pat Huddleston, the receiver in an investment fraud case involving the sculpture. The auction will start at $500,000, he said. Proceeds will benefit defrauded investors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Black cloud hovering

NationalReport
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It was just a year and a half ago that Liberal Jean Charest won a majority government in Quebec. That was nice, we all thought. All was well with federalism. The separatist movement would be on its derriere for many more years to come. The next election wasn't due until 2013.

As for Charest, it was smooth sailing. He was doing so well that there was talk of him leaving the provincial scene one day and perhaps returning to Ottawa. He was a former Tory leader and could perhaps become leader of that party again. Or, being a Liberal, he could perhaps lead that federal formation.

Politics being politics, all has gone awry. Charest is in the dumpster, the Parti Québécois is leading in Quebec, an election could be called within a year or two, and the separatists could be back in power.

"Politics being politics, all has gone awry. (Jean) Charest is in the dumpster, the Parti Québécois is leading in Quebec ..."

In politics two things can rock a government — scandal and a bad budget. One is punishing enough. Get two in the same time frame and look out. That's what has happened to Charest's Liberals. They've had both.

Given that the setbacks have happened early in his five-year term, there would normally be time to recover. But that's not necessarily the case. The Liberal majority in Quebec is razor thin. The National Assembly has 125 seats and Charest has 66 of them. But discount the Speaker, a member with cancer and a member who has just been expelled and he's down to 63, a one-seat majority. Given a defection or two, or byelection losses, and the majority is gone.

Charest has launched an inquiry into allegations by his former justice minister that the appointment of judges was being dictated by Liberal bagmen. Last week came another bombshell when Charest expelled Tony Tomassi, a cabinet member caught up in allegations of kickbacks. Before all this, Charest's belt-tightening budget, designed to attack the deficit, squeezed too tight on most stomachs and was met with public scorn.

The latest poll shows Pauline Marois' Parti Québécois winning a majority with 41 per cent of the vote. The Liberals are at 30 per cent. It need be remembered also that the separatists are doing well at the federal level with the Bloc Québécois holding a big lead over federalist formations.

For many years, the sovereignty option has been dormant. It was a pleasant respite. The country was able to get on with other things without that black cloud overhead.

But so much for the respite. In the space of a couple of months, the black cloud has returned.

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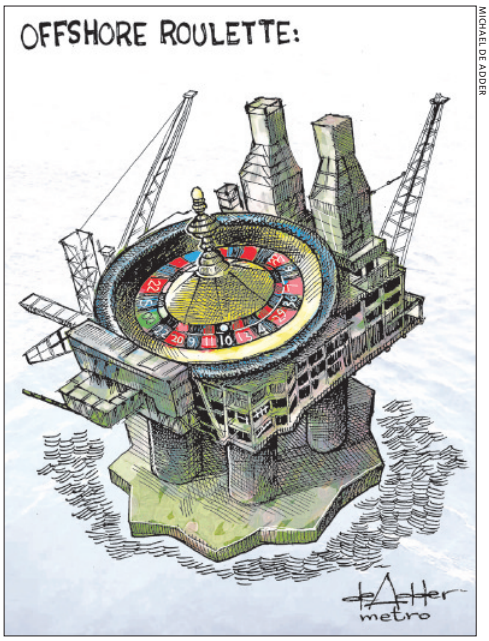

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Noteworthy

UN report says planet falling short on preserving species

Far too many of the world's plants and animals — and the wild places that support them — are at risk of collapse, a UN report finds, despite a global goal set in 2002 for major improvement by this year.

Frogs and other amphibians are most at risk of extinction, coral reefs are the species deteriorating most rapidly, and the survival of nearly one-quarter of all plant species is threatened, the UN Convention on Biological Diversity said yesterday in a report issued every four years.

The outlook on the planet's ecological diversity and health is produced under a 1993 treaty since joined by most of the world's nations. It says the planet is falling short of its goal to achieve by this year "a significant reduction in the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional and national levels."

Pollution, climate change, drought, deforestation, illegal poaching and overfishing are among the many culprits named.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon warns in the report that the consequences of "this collective failure" will be severe for everyone on the planet if it is not quickly corrected.

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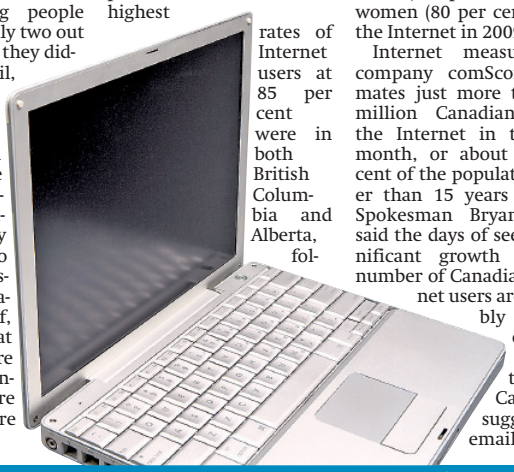
Worth mentioning

Who isn't using the Internet in Canada?

A new Statistics Canada study released yesterday found 80 per cent of Canadians aged 16 and older, or 21.7 million people, used the Internet for personal reasons last year, up from 73 per cent in 2007.

Among young people aged 16 to 24, only two out of every 100 said they didn't send an email, surf the web or visit Facebook last year.

"There's an age group where the usage is approaching saturation, there's very little room to grow," said Statistics Canada analyst Ben Veenhof, who added that not only are more people going online, but they're staying there longer.



While Newfoundland and Labrador and New Brunswick had the lowest percentages of citizens online, with 69 and 73 per cent, they had the largest growth since 2007 with 15 per cent increases. The highest rates of Internet users at 85 per cent were in both British Columbia and Alberta, followed by 81 per cent in Ontario.

Calgary and Saskatoon were the most online-savvy cities, with web-usage rates at 89 per cent apiece.

A similar proportion of men (81 per cent) and women (80 per cent) used the Internet in 2009.

Internet measurement company comScore estimates just more than 22 million Canadians used the Internet in the last month, or about 73 per cent of the population older than 15 years of age. Spokesman Bryan Segal said the days of seeing significant growth in the number of Canadian Internet users are probably near over.

Statistics Canada suggested email was the most popular online activity among Canadian Internet users — 93 per cent said they emailed, 78 per cent said they browsed the web, and 75 per cent said they used the Internet for checking the weather or traffic.

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Of those who identified themselves as Internet users, 75 per cent said they were online every single day, up from 68 per cent in 2007. Fifty-five per cent said they used the Internet for five hours or more in a typical week, compared with 49 per cent in 2007.

Quote of the Day

"I want to see any Kandahari, any Afghan, to have the life that people have in countries like Canada and the United States."

— TOORYALAI WESA, AN AFGHAN-CANADIAN GOVERNOR OF KANDAHAR PROVINCE, TALKING ABOUT AN END TO HOSTILITIES WITH THE TALIBAN IS WITHIN THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY, BUT IT WILL TAKE A STRONG SHOW OF PATIENCE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BEFORE IT CAN HAPPEN.

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Technology group promises tenfold increase in close-quarters data speeds
The industry group that supports Wi-Fi is adopting a new technology that should boost data speeds more than 10 times at short distances. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

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Markets respond to good news in Europe

Stock markets closed sharply higher yesterday as investors breathed a sigh of relief that the European Union is taking aggressive action to protect the euro currency and deal with a severe government debt crisis.

The S&P/TSX composite index jumped 255.47 points to 11,947.9 after the European Union and the International Monetary Fund pledged to make nearly $1 trillion US available in loans if needed to defend the currency and the eurozone.

However, analysts warned that although the moves are good news, it doesn't mean the problem that started out as a Greek debt crisis and morphed into wider worries about government default has gone away.

"It was nice to wake up this morning and see what the eurozone has done because they have actually helped alleviate some of those worries, but it's still a problem that needs to be dealt with," said Phillip Petursson, director of institutional equities at MFC Global Investment Management.

The good news from Europe came after markets fell heavily last week on worries that the debt crisis would spread from Greece to other countries with unsustainably high debt levels such as Spain and Portugal.

But gains on the Toronto market yesterday made up just half of last week's four per cent slide on the TSX.

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Montana **Pot shop bombed**

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Police and Fire Departments investigate the scene of a fire bomb that was thrown through the front door of Montana Therapeutics, a medical marijuana store in Billings, Mont., early yesterday morning. The fire was quickly put out. Billings police are investigating.

Alleged Ponzi schemer says he needs money

LEGAL AID An alleged fraudster who calls himself the Chinese Warren Buffett says he needs legal aid to pay for his defence.

Weizhen Tang

Ahead of his Toronto court appearance yesterday, Weizhen Tang said he is prevented from trading and his money has been frozen.

Tang, 51, is charged with fraud amid allegations he ran a $30-million Ponzi scheme that defrauded dozens of investors in Canada, the U.S., and China.

After a brief judicial pre-trial meeting behind closed doors the case was put over until June 15.

Outside court yesterday Tang maintained his innocence. Tang says his hedge fund lost less than 20 per cent of its value, which he says is less than banks and other financial institutions lost during the economic downturn.

Tang, who was jailed in mid-January after flying back from China, was granted bail last month.

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Ontario and B.C. to lead recovery: Report

ECONOMY Outstanding economic growth in Ontario and British Columbia will lead a nationwide recovery from last year's downturn, the Conference Board of Canada has predicted in a report.

Ontario and B.C. will see their economies grow by 3.8 per cent over last year, despite the planned introduction of the harmonized sales tax on July 1 expected to raise consumer prices in both provinces, the private-sector economic forecaster said in its Provincial Outlook report published yesterday.

Overall, the Canadian economy's gross domestic product is expected to be up 3.2 per cent compared with last year, which began with one of the deepest recessions in decades following the financial crisis that erupted in the final months of 2008.

"Considering the epic collapse of the global economy in 2008 and 2009, Canada's situation today is remarkably good," the board said in its provincial outlook.

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Your Money

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Using bond funds to hedge inflation

ECONOMY With the economy showing signs of strengthening, economists are predicting a higher cost of living in the near future for Canadians.

"Inflation means that a dollar today won't buy as much down the road, which is fine if you can keep up with the inflation rate through salary increases," says Chris Kresic, senior vice-president of investments for Mackenzie Investments. "But for those holding fixed-income investments, inflation can eat away at returns."

One way to try to offset this problem is to consider adding a real return bond fund, such as the Mackenzie Sentinel Real Return Bond Fund, to your portfolio. Unlike nominal bonds, which pay a fixed rate, the coupon and principal on real return bonds are adjusted for inflation. Investors should be aware that real return bonds are long-duration bonds and, in the event of interest rate increases, they can experience volatility.

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How to make your passion pay

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Consider the contest queen. Her name is Carolyn Wilman, an Oshawa, Ont., resident with a marketing background who's won everything from kilograms of Goldfish crackers to a trip to the set of a Harry Potter movie in England.

Wilman began entering contests not only for fun but to balance motherhood with the always important task of creating some income. In her quest for free goodies she even combed neighbours' recycling boxes for the pin codes on packages to enter manufacturers' website contests.

I know, you're thinking dumpster diver! But wait for what happened next. She parlayed her passion into a book, a dynamic website with tips (www.contestqueen.com) and a consultation service to companies to create and improve their promotion strategies.

I love oddities and this story particularly appealed to me because Wilman took something she already liked to do and turned it into a paying proposition.

Her story should be encouraging to those who've lost a job, are reluctantly considering a return to work after having a baby or who are just plain sick of the rat race and want to do something different.

If you count yourself among the above group then I suggest you start by doing an inventory of your life. List your skills, hobbies, passions, education, training and resources. Put particular emphasis on what makes you feel good.

Then start thinking about how you might meld these interests and strengths into something that can make you some money and feed your soul at the same time.

Don't hesitate to share your inventory with your friends and family. They may provide you with unexpected insight or make connections that you don't see.

But be practical! Don't expect to quit your day job tomorrow. Test your big idea out in your spare time and don't get stuck on one course of action. Let the notion breath, change and grow.

Do you have a passion that might pay or already does? Tell me about it. I'll collect your stories and pass them on to feed the ideas of others.

Alison's Money Rule:

- With a little creativity and a lot of determination it is possible to make your passion pay.

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Some investors overreacting to European debt crisis

Did all investors fearful of this market move to higher ground last week? I do not believe so.

In fact, most savvy investors in my belief were buying into this market at lower levels while the traders and technical analysts with their computer models sold out, driving the market lower. Thus the fear that is talked about, for the meantime, in my estimation, has been acted upon by the institutional investor and not the retail investor.

I believe the selloff to be overdone at this point (that is why the market rebounded so strongly yesterday). By no means am I belittling the problems in Europe, but I do not believe that there is any evidence at this time that the debt issues could spread. Spain just reported positive growth numbers and has had a successful bond offering to raise capital in the last week.

Investors that sold on last week's events are ignoring the general positives in the North American markets.

In Canada and in the U.S., we are now seeing positive job growth, companies reporting great earnings — exceeding in most cases any estimates — and a consumer that seems to want to spend their money.

Investing

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Sports

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Habs force Game 7

(Series tied 3-3)

Penguins 3 Canadiens 4

VS

Michael Cammalleri scored his 10th and 11th goals of the playoffs as the Montreal Canadiens staved off NHL playoff elimination with a 4-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins last night.

The defending Stanley Cup champion Penguins had closed out five straight playoff series on the road, but with the best-of-seven series tied 3-3, they will now have to try to take this on home ice in Game 7 tomorrow night.

Defenceman Jaroslav Spacek, back after missing nine games with a virus, scored and Maxim Lapierre added the eventual game winner in the third period for Montreal, which entered the playoffs as the eighth and last seed in the Eastern Conference.

The Canadiens will play a seventh game for a second series in a row after taking top-seeded Washington the distance in the opening round.

Montreal defenceman Hal Gill, who left Game 5 after suffering a skate cut behind a knee, sat out and perhaps not coincidentally, Pittsburgh star Sidney Crosby ended his six-game scoring slump. More than 70 per cent of Crosby's shifts had been against the rangy Gill.

Kris Letang and Bill Guerin, who scored while Marc-Andre Fleury was pulled for an extra attacker, had the other goals for the Penguins. Pittsburgh outshot the Canadiens 37-25.

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Pittsburgh Penguin Bill Guerin skates past as the Montreal Canadiens celebrate Jaroslav Spacek's goal last night.

Flyers stay alive

• Backup goalie Michael Leighton came off the bench after Brian Boucher was injured and made 14 saves to complete the combined shutout last night, leading Philadelphia to a 4-0 victory over the Bruins and helping the Flyers avoid elimination in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference semifinals. Boston now leads the series 3-2.

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Sports in brief

HOCKEY Ryan Smyth is out of the IIHF World Hockey Championship. The Canadian captain missed yesterday's 6-1 win over Latvia due to an ankle injury and the team said after the game he would not return to the lineup for the rest of the tournament.

NHL Negotiations between the city of Glendale and Ice Edge Holdings to purchase the Phoenix Coyotes have broken down, according to CBC. Last night's Hockey Night in Canada broadcast said Ice Edge did not get an exclusivity agreement with Glendale, which the group required.

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Not all fat is created equal

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If you have thin hips and a big belly — the famous muffin top — you're probably more at risk for disease than someone with a big bum and a small waist.

While you can't change your shape, you can shave off that belly fat by running and walking.

The dangerous fat is visceral fat, which lurks inside us, padding the spaces between our abdominal organs. It's far more sinister than regular (subcutaneous) fat, which lies between the skin and the abdominal wall — and jiggles when we move.

"Belly fat is more biologically active than skin fat, meaning it doesn't just sit there — it produces hormones and other chemicals that affect metabolism by increasing blood fat levels, promoting diabetes and high blood pressure," says Dr. Arya Sharma, a doctor in Edmonton and scientific director for the Canadian Obesity Network.

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Visceral fat is more dangerous than "regular" fat as it produces its own hormones, affecting metabolism.

He points out that visceral fat can cause thickening in the arteries leading to the heart. And in his blog (drsharma.ca) he mentions that visceral fat can also cause thickness in the arteries that lead to the brain.

Two studies — one from Korea and one from Ireland — found that those with visceral fat had thickened carotid arteries. This puts people at risk for heart attack and stroke.

A Harvard University newsletter also warns that visceral fat lies close to the portal vein, which carries blood from the intestinal area to the liver. Visceral fat can release substances that influence the production of "bad" cholesterol, another risk factor for heart disease. Interestingly, it is possible to be obese and not have visceral fat, and vice versa.

Visceral fat isn't easy to measure. Measuring BMI (body mass index) tells you whether you are normal, overweight or obese — a BMI over 25 is considered overweight and over 30 is considered obese. But it doesn't indicate how your body stores fat and muscle.

Doctors nowadays also measure waist circumference, which reveals whether fat is stored around the belly. For women, a waist that measures more than 35 inches (88 cm) is considered quite risky. For men, 40 inches (102 cm) is bad. A third test — waist-to-hip ratio — is also important. It calculates the difference between your waist circumference and your hips (you want a high number there). Pear-shaped people tend to have less visceral fat than apple-shaped people.

What can you do if your doctor says you have visceral fat? You guessed it! Exercise. A study at Duke University found those who walked or jogged regularly made a significant dent in their visceral fat.

"Any weight loss, especially if combined with exercise, will help reduce belly fat," says Dr. Sharma.

Reconciling heft and the heart

I like my women with a little meat on her bones." While men will say this about women, you rarely hear women say the same about men.

Maybe this is because men feel they have to say this because women with a little meat on their bones are made to feel like they will automatically be less desirable and therefore must be reassured they are still indeed dateable while meaty men don't feel the same pressure?

After all, I don't think I've ever heard a man say, "Do these jeans make my butt look big?" as a roundabout way of looking for reassurance from his partner that she is still physically attracted to him. And, on practically every married couple sitcom, the wife is a perfectly shaped babe while hubbie's usually, well tubby and none too bright.

I don't think it's so much that women as a rule simply prefer their men meatier and dumb (though I'm sure some do, the meatier part that is, just as some men genuinely do prefer a little meat on their women's bones) but because socially, it is more acceptable for men to be heavier than it is for women.

Also, because women live with the pressure to be thin their whole lives, they are possibly more accepting of a less than perfect body on a man. But maybe I'm giving women way too much credit. Because when it comes to physical attraction, women and men can be equally shallow. A man may say he likes a little meat on a woman's bones, but I guarantee he wouldn't feel the same if all that extra meat was concentrated entirely around her middle and her thighs. And, while women may be a little more forgiving, given the choice between her dream guy having six-pack abs or a gut from drinking too many six packs, she'd opt for door number one.

Russell Crowe has put on some weight recently. Does that make him less attractive to women?

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Burger-scented candles
Fans of fast food chain White Castle's oniony hamburgers have a new way to indulge without any calorie guilt: a scented candle infused with the burgers' aroma. Proceeds from the sale of the $10 candles will benefit Autism Speaks. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

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Great steak adventures

Schatzker says trust your taste buds and avoid feedlot beef

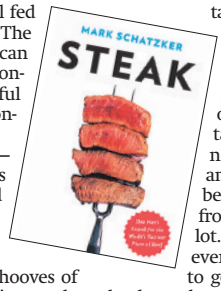
RICK MCGINNIS
for Metro Canada

While searching the world for the best steak — a quest chronicled in the book he has starkly named Steak — writer Mark Schatzker had what can only be described as a man's dream adventure.

He went on countless road trips, visited innumerable steakhouses, connected with long-lost relatives in Argentina, shopped in Tokyo's surreally high-end food emporiums, and even got to play cowboy on the grassy hills of Idaho.

The Globe & Mail columnist and travel writer spent three years trying to come to what he describes as the "Grand Unified Theory of Steak" — cutting through the thicket of "facts" favouring marbling or grain- versus grass-feeding, into the denser scientific realm of hexane, beta-agonists, one-octen-3-ol and Maillard reactions. (The latter, in case you were curious, is what gives steak its tasty brown crust on the grill.)

A despairing early chapter of the book sees Schatzker in Texas, lost in steak country and seemingly unable to find a decent piece of beef anywhere he goes. "None of the beef I had was good," Schatzker recalls. "In a way there was no point in even going to Texas because you could eat that beef in New York. That's just where it's coming from — it's all fed the same way. The taste of American beef today is all controlled by a handful of feedlot nutritionists."



The feedlot — vast fattening pens darkly described by Schatzker as thick with clouds of fecal matter kicked up by the hooves of thousands of milling cattle — is the source of most of the beef we eat, fed on steamed and flaked corn to promote rapid growth of muscle and fat, a marvel of industrial agriculture far from the grassy open fields and slow maturation that Schatzker becomes convinced is the key to truly tasty steak.

Ultimately, Schatzker thinks we should trust our own taste buds, ignore experts, and demand beef raised far from the feedlot. "I think everyone needs to go a bit more slowly and stop worrying about consensus. I think this comes from wine culture, where everybody wants to be a connoisseur and there's a real fear of looking ignorant — they want to talk the talk and wear the ascot and make pronouncements about vintages... I think that's b.s."

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Writer Mark Schatzker embarked on a "man's dream adventure" for research for his new book Steak.

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5 tips to help you save cash during school

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

Saving money seems like a pipe dream for many students. With tuition, supplies, travel and a modicum of socializing, scholastics feels like spending dollars on the premise of making dimes. Still, with a few easily seared corners from buying used/borrowing to thrifty eats, many cash-strapped undergrads use these basic principles to prepare for rainy days.

"I do (these things) on a day-to-day basis, saving the most amount of money so I can use (it) to purchase and do other things I really enjoy," notes Robert Cerjanec, President of Founders College Student Council, at York University in Toronto.

Of course living at home is always the most financially feasible prospect, provided it's an option and doesn't destroy you psychologically.

Borrow from the library

"Most course (text)books are available either on the shelves or in the reserves," Cerjanec smiles, adding that even nights in can be free if one utilizes the library's DVD/CD collection.

Bring food from home

Live at home? Pack a lunch and a thermos. On campus? When home, shop at the original Mom 'N' Pop's, provided you don't clean them out.

Share pitchers

You can't be a hermit, but go for value when socializing. Campus pubs generally offer student discount nights, which become even cheaper when dividing the cost of drinks.

Buy used/sale items

From texts to textiles, used means inexpensive. Cerjanec offers thrift stores as an option. "It might be harder to find what you want, but if you look, you can find some really nice clothes at a fraction of the cost either on the sale rack or at a recycled clothing store."

Walk, ride your bike or use public transportation

Depending on your proximity to class. It might not be fast but it's frugal, not to mention environmentally friendly and healthy.

Know the real costs

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

New students at college or university may think tuition plus rent equals the total cost of studying, but experts warn of hidden expenses that can increase costs by as much as 30 per cent.

Jeannine Mitchell, publisher of Studentfinance101.org, says the interest on student loans adds often uncalculated long-term costs. It may be interest-free while you're studying, but a government student loan can rise to 7.75 per cent interest when you've graduated.

"If students borrow $20,000, they often think that is what they will repay. But when you factor in the interest costs, that may be a $30,000 loan — or more," she warns. That goes for groceries and nights out tucked away on your credit card, too, and you won't get a school-years reprieve on that interest.

A four-year degree often takes five or six years as students change programs, get sick, or just have a hard time getting the required courses to line up. That will jack up the costs of living in an unplanned way, she says.

"If students borrow $20,000 ... when you factor in the interest costs, that may be a $30,000 loan — or more."
Jeannine Mitchell, studentfinances101.org

She recommends students stay at home, if that's an option, or consult with their parents or older siblings to get a realistic idea of how much it costs to live independently.

Kavita Joshi of the Royal Bank of Canada says "insidious costs" can quickly run up. That includes easily avoided time-management issues like spending money on lunch every day instead of packing one the night before.

She points students to the Better Student Life calculator (betterstudentlife.ca/Calculator.html) which tells students how long their money will last. A recent poll found 35 per cent of students would run out of cash by Christmas.

"We can't influence the tuition reality, but we can as bankers … have a full-some discussion to help (students) get a good understand of their financial reality and think of some of the additional costs," she says.

Tom Hamza of the not-for-profit Investor Education Fund (GetSmarterAboutMoney.ca) has seen students, overwhelmed by mounting debt accrued buying books, computers and just paying the bills, drop out, meaning they don't get that degree or diploma and lose what money they've invested.

He urges students to sit down with the "big b-word;" Budget. "When you do that, you're much more comfortable with the level of debt you assume," he says. "It's an investment in yourself and you shouldn't despair."

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Student exhibition gives public a chance to see hundreds of works

JESSICA PICHE
for Metro Calgary

Creating art on a limited budget is a struggle many new artists face.

Alisha Weng, a media arts and digital technology student from the Alberta College of Art and Design (ACAD), originally intended to pursue a photography diploma. However, the high cost of camera equipment meant she would be unable to.

"So I switched to fine arts instead," said Weng. "I could still use my hands."

While working towards her media arts and digital technology degree, she picked up shifts at a local café. Saving her tips meant she could finally purchase the Nikon camera she used to capture the images for her ACAD graduate exhibition.

The support of ACAD's instructors helped Weng develop her skills as an artist, she said. Those skills have translated into her photography, which shows attention to detail and good use of light and colour.

"It's about the culture of Calgary, the people, things that happen," said Weng, of her exhibition piece.

The ACAD Graduating Student Exhibition highlights grads like Weng annually. Over 200 students from 11 different programs will show their work this year in the exhibition curated by Wayne Baerwaldt (Illingworth Kerr Gallery). This unique show will be installed throughout the hallways, classrooms and spaces of ACAD.

"This is a great opportunity to see not only the graduate's work, but the college as well, which is usually closed to the public," said Anne Marie Dorland, Director of Communication, ACAD.

"Furthermore, the exhibition is a chance for the public to support emerging artists before they hit the international scene," she said.

ACAD alumni are recognized globally as innovative artists, she said.

Although the pieces shown are not for sale, Dorland said ACAD is always happy to foster connections between artists and buyers.

The public is invited to attend the grand opening of the exhibition tomorrow at 5 p.m. This is a chance to meet the students behind the work and to catch a glimpse of life at ACAD, said Dorland.

The ACAD Graduating Student exhibition runs until May 22.

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ACAD media arts and digital technology student Alisha Wong shows off some of the photography work that will be part of the ACAD Graduating Student Exhibition.

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U of C prof checks out possible da Vinci self-portrait

JESSICA PICHE
for Metro Calgary

The painting of the middle aged man with a long nose, gray hair and limp mustache could be of anyone. Perhaps even Leonardo da Vinci.

A 14-member team of experts, including Dr. David L. Bershad, is determining if the portrait is an authentic self portrait of da Vinci.

An art history professor at St. Mary's University College and the University of Calgary, Bershad — who was named one of Canada's outstanding teachers in Maclean magazine's Teaching Supplement — is the only North American member of the team. He is considered a world authority on 17th century Italian art.

Currently in Chieti, Italy, the team headed by Dr. Luigi Capasso officially unveiled the painting May 8 during a conference at the Biomedical Science Museum at the University of Chieti.

The 24-by-17 inch Acerenza Portrait shows a man softly smiling with his eyes looking away from the viewer.

The painting was discovered by medieval historian Nicola Barbatelli in an anonymous Acerenza home. Originally it was thought the astronomer Galileo Galilei was the man in the black hat. However, Barbatelli believes it to be a self portrait of da Vinci as the artist's trademark, "pinxit mea" written in reverse, appear on the back of the panel. However, there is argument that the inscription may have been a later addition.

Alessandro Vezzosi, director of Museo Ideale Leonardo da Vinci, reportedly said that he does not believe the painting is of the famous artist.

Bershad's expertise will help determine if this is the second known self portrait of da Vinci — the first being a chalk sketch from 1512 that is widely accepted as authentic.

His influence on students at the University of Calgary has been extensive, said a school spokesperson. His numerous awards and distinctions are a compliment to his teaching abilities, the official said.

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Eliese Watson, founder of ABC, shows off one of her educational stickers.

Honeybees are moving in next door.

The unexpected neighbours have been invited to stay by Mount Royal University history major Eliese Watson. An urban beekeeper, Watson is teaching Calgarians about the benefits of having these little workers in the city.

"The main issue about urban bee keeping is ignorance," said Watson. Unlike carnivorous wasps, honeybees are docile pollinators who would rather work then sting, she said.

With help from a $5,000 grant from the Co-operators, Watson has founded Apiaries and Bees for Communities (ABC). Through workshops and events, she teaches Calgarians how to keep bees in their own Top-Bar hive.

About nine households in Calgary are paying Watson a "commitment fee" of $1 for her to use their yards for her hives. "It's an agreement, so we both know that we will care for (the bees)."

Waston's hives will start producing honey this season, although she will wait until next year to start selling her harvest. Until then, she will give samples and tastings through events with the Community Garden Association.

Although Calgary has a bylaw against city livestock, beekeeping is legal by omission, said City of Calgary spokesperson Denis Urquhart. Furthermore, "there has never been a big problem with public complaints," he said.

As the vice president of sustainable MRU, Watson is quick to point out the multiple benefits having a beehive in the neighbourhood gives. "For example, instead of producing only a few raspberries this season, you'll have buckets."

Bees are indicators of environmental health, she claims.

"There are no more wild honeybees here," said Watson. "That's a clear indication of the impact of pesticides and other chemicals."

If a city is without bees, it's without life, said Watson. She intends to continue building a community of beekeepers to ensure Calgary will never go without. Through workshops and events, she uses her hands on teaching approach to spread her message.

"Honeybees don't come out on windy or rainy days. They come out with the sun, they're really special little creatures.

Deciphering the language of the earth

JESSICA PICHE
for Metro Calgary

Listening to earthquake "whispers" are giving University of Calgary researchers the inside scoop on the earth's core.

Professor Dave Eaton has co-authored a paper published in the May edition of the journal of Physics of the Earth and Planetary Interiors. By observing distant earthquakes, he is able to measure seismic wave speed at the top of the Earth's core.

Analyzing the wave speeds gives Eaton and co-author Catrina Alexandrakis, U of C PhD student, a good idea of what materials are making up the Earth's core.

The research method is comparable to hearing a conversation across a whispering gallery. Although it is not the first time the method has been used, Eaton and Alexandrakis are using the most definitive research method to date.

Forty-four faint signals resulting from earthquakes across the globe were analyzed using a digital processing approach. The resulting sound speed measurements at the top of the Earth's core is incredibly accurate.

The team has determined that the earth's core is a mixture of solid and liquid material. Molten iron, nickel and as of yet unknown lighter elements such as sulfur or carbon make up this inaccessible region.

Using their results, laboratories simulating core composition will be able to better determine their research methods.

Beyond "listening" to earthquakes, Eaton is also a well-respected professor. U of C geology grad Jeff Kriz believes that "it can be much more rewarding learning from leaders in the field."

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Open Heart

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A history of protest

Canadian bands Stars, left, and F—ed Up, above, have taken different approaches to protesting an Arizona immigration law.

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A couple of weeks ago a debate broke out on Twitter between Montreal indie rockers Stars and Toronto hardcore band F—ed Up. Stars wanted to boycott playing in Arizona until the state's recently passed law — which allows police officers to search for illegal immigrants by randomly asking people for ID — was rescinded.

F—ed Up thought that was the wrong approach. "Why not keep playing Arizona, using the shows as an opportunity to engage the people there to get involved," wrote the band's frontman Damian Abraham on his Twitter account.

I'm with Abraham on this. A boycott by a Canadian band, which is mostly unknown in Arizona, isn't likely to have much of an affect on the law.

Playing the state won't do much either. But if enough musicians — and some high profile ones — get together and galvanize the American public they may just be able to get this policy changed.

It's happened before. History is filled with songs about injustice, oppression and war. Not all protest music has worked, but songs and artists have been responsible for inspiring profound changes to American law.

Here are three moments where the power of music has led to social change.

Emancipation

Slavery would probably have ended in the United States without the countless gospel and blues songs that marked that era, but it may have taken a lot longer.

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Protest music took two forms in the 18th and 19th centuries — whites singing songs about abolition to other whites (like the Hutchison Family Singers whose anti-slavery songs were heard by U.S. President Abraham Lincoln), and African Americans' singing spirituals, like the passionate Go Down Moses.

Other songs, such as Wade in the Water, included instructions on the path black slaves could take to freedom. It was these songs that kept the fight for abolition going.

Labour rights

Most of us wish we could work less, but there was a time when long hours and low pay were the norm.

Through the music of artists such as Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger, and now Billy Bragg, songs about labour rights helped organize oppressed workers and gave people a reason to keep pressing on.

One of the most popular pro-union tunes is Ralph Chaplin's Solidarity Forever, which Seeger made famous. "Solidarity forever, for the union makes us strong," goes the infectious folk chorus, which has been sung by countless picketers across the world.

Vietnam

When most people think of protest music they think of Vietnam. This was when some of folk and rock's most famous musicians took to the streets to promote peace.

There was Bob Dylan's Blowin' In The Wind, a song that was used in the anti-war and civil rights movements, Joan Baez's Saigon Bride with the lyrics "How many children must we kill, before the waves stand still?", and Jimi Hendrix's famously fuzzy version of Star Spangled Banner.

With many big name artists protesting the war, students across the country demonstrating and American casualties increasing, the U.S. government had no choice but to withdraw in 1973.

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DVD picks

Edge of Darkness

Director: Martin Campbell

YOU MIGHT WANT to check your calendar while watching this paranoia thriller, and not just because it represents Mel Gibson's return to top-line action for the first time in eight years.

Edge of Darkness feels more like something from the shifty 1970s or 1980s than the supposedly enlightened 2010 of pro-ecology governments and corporations. The idea of politicians and capitalists conniving to put nukes ahead of safety and ethics seems more in line with Ronald Reagan's first term of office than Barack Obama's.

And indeed, this is based on a 1985 BBC miniseries, directed by Martin Campbell (Casino Royale), that Campbell and writers William Monahan and Andrew Bovell have repurposed for the big screen.

A large amount of compression was necessary to take the original five hours down to around two, but the plot holds up well enough, thanks to Gibson's tense performance and a Ray Winstone's spooky supporting turn.

Gibson is Thomas Craven, a widowed Boston police detective, whose life goes to pieces and whose fists start flying when his only child Emma (Bojana Novakovic) is murdered by an unknown assailant.

It's not a fast-moving thriller, but that suits Gibson's older and heavier reality. And it's nice to watch a movie where we get a chance to connect the dots before the bullets start flying again.

Extras include additional and alternate scenes and, on the Blu-ray disc, several making-of and backgrounder featurettes.

Daybreakers

Director: Michael and Peter Spierig

HIGH-CONCEPT HORROR from Down Under bros Michael Spierig and Peter Spierig (Undead), who know their way around genre conventions.

They've actually come up with a new twist on the vampire theme: What happens when the vampires take over the Earth and the humans whose blood they need for survival start to become extinct?

Ethan Hawke plays a vampire hematologist whose job it is to find a solution to the problem, and fast, but his conscience about killing humans, even for his own survival, is starting to get the better of him. His boss (Sam Neill) isn't burdened with such cares, but he has a daughter who has yet to "turn" vampire. She has allied herself with the dwindling human population, led by a rebel leader played by Willem Dafoe.

Extras include extended scenes and commentary.

Peter Howell/for Metro Canada

TBS taps Conan buzz

In 10 years as a television executive, Steve Koonin had never received fan mail. Until now.

The president of Turner Entertainment Networks said he's received more than 6,000 notes from Conan O'Brien fans thanking him for hiring the former Tonight host for a TBS talk show that starts in November.

Conan O'Brien

Koonin is seizing upon the move, a genuine surprise at the time, to remake a network that is often overlooked by cultural taste-makers.

"It wasn't hiring an available talent," Koonin said. "It was building an idea."

The idea is to use O'Brien and George Lopez to build a late-night franchise that has youthful appeal, taking advantage of the Jay Leno and David Letterman audiences — and the hosts themselves — being relatively old by TV standards. He'll use the folk hero status his "Team Coco" fans gave O'Brien during his battle with NBC to make the comic the face of TBS.

TBS is available in almost as many homes these days as the broadcast networks but lacks a real profile, perhaps because its base is in Atlanta and its schedule has long been dominated by reruns. Fewer people watch Comedy Central, and fewer people can get it in their homes, but its stars Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert get major attention.

O'Brien can begin changing that.

"They want to get the buzz," said veteran TV researcher Steve Sternberg. "The buzz is important in that advertisers pay attention to buzz. TBS is already one of the highest-rated cable networks. This is only going to enhance that."

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Siblings win The Amazing Race

Daniel and Jordan Pious slid into first place to win The Amazing Race. The distinctly different siblings from Barrington, R.I., crossed the finish line first in San Francisco to take home the CBS reality series' $1 million grand prize. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ridley in the Hood

Veteran director brings own twist to Nottingham

Russell Crowe, left, and Ridley Scott renewed their collaboration for Robin Hood.

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After more than 10 years of collaboration with Russell Crowe, veteran director Ridley Scott has gotten used to late-night phone calls.

"Sometimes with Russell, you've just gone to bed, maybe had too much to drink, and it's about quarter to one in the morning and the phone goes. And I go, 'Oh, s—, it's Russell,'" Scott says with a grin. "He usually calls from Australia and says, 'All right? I hope it's not too late.' And I say, 'Well actually, it is.'"

It was just such a phone call that spawned their latest film — their fifth together — Robin Hood. During one particular late-night call, Crowe presented Scott with an idea.

"He said, 'I've got this Robin Hood thing.' And I said, 'All right, let me read it.' So we got into it, and I said, fundamentally, with deepest respect to the chaps who wrote it, it needs a lot of work," Scott remembers. "And that's what we did. We got into the reworking of it."

Robin Hood opens Friday

That reworking ended up taking more time than expected, Scott admits, as the Hollywood writers' strike brought their rewriting to a halt. One thing that needed to change, Scott knew, was the title.

"At the time it was called Nottingham, which I think threw everyone into a tizz thinking, 'How cool.' And I hate that word, cool," Scott sneers. "Because what does 'cool' mean? All it is is you're going to call a film Nottingham, and you're going to spend half your marketing explaining why you've called it Nottingham and not Robin Hood. So I said we should just call it Robin Hood and start again."

With the new, simpler title in place, the film is ready to premiere tomorrow at the Cannes Film Festival — something Scott hadn't anticipated. "I know the Cannes festival tries to protect itself by being only about high-brow thinking in movies, but I think they've changed," he says. "They've realized that actually commerce does come into it. But you don't put a high-budget movie in Cannes in competition. I wouldn't do that. But they saw the movie and said they'd like to open the festival with it, which is really nice."

The director also admits he thought his Robin Hood might cause a bit of a stink in Cannes, since the French don't fare very well in his film.

"I didn't realize we were going to be opening the film in Cannes," he admits. "The French, who hate to be beaten at anything, are going to hate it. When it was run for the committee, the eight guys watched it, and I said, 'And?' And I thought they were all going to say, 'But, you know you kick our ass at the end?' And they said, 'It's fine.' And I said, 'Um, were you watching it?'"

Top Chef fires up Canadian cookoff

SHOW Culinary star Mark McEwan will turn up the heat for wannabe cooks on the premiere season of Top Chef Canada. The Toronto chef has been tapped as the head judge for a Canadian version of the U.S. series, in which chefs compete against each other in kitchen challenges. The announcement comes as Food Network launches a national casting call for competitors. Hopefuls have until June 14 to apply for a shot at competing for a $100,000 prize. Information is available at foodnetwork.ca/topchef.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Singer, actress Horne dead at 92

OBIT Lena Horne, the jazz singer and actress known for her signature song Stormy Weather and for her triumph over the bigotry that allowed her to entertain white audiences but not socialize with them, has died. She was 92. In the 1940s, Horne was one of the first black performers hired to sing with a major white band, and, when she signed with MGM, she was among a handful of black actors to have a contract with a major Hollywood studio. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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critics' corner

Glee

A sore throat has a serious impact on Rachel's singing voice, throwing her into a panic. Kurt tries to impress his father (guest star Mike O'Malley). Puck hatches a plan to elevate his social status. Matthew Morrison and Jane Lynch also star in the new episode "Laryngitis." 10 PM on CICT KAYU

Parenthood

Zeek (guest star Craig T. Nelson) becomes Adam and Kristina's houseguest. Julia enlists the help of an old college flame to get her dad out of debt. Amber feels guilty about betraying Haddie. Crosby contemplates settling down with Jasmine and Jabbar (Joy Bryant, Tyree Brown). Lauren Graham also stars in the new episode "Solace." 8 PM on CKAL; 11 PM on KHQ

V

Anna (Morena Baccarin) decides it may be best to leave after someone close to her is the victim of a violent attack. Erica (Elizabeth Mitchell) and the team look for a scientist who may have created a weapon that the Visitors fear. Morris Chestnut, Joel Gretsch and Scott Wolf also star in the new episode "Fruition." 8:02 PM on ACCESS; 11:02 PM on KXLY

Romijn marvels at her twins

Rebecca Romijn is shocked at how different her twin daughters are, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 37-year-old actress — who had twins Dolly Rebecca Rose and Charlie Tamara Tulip takes delight in watching how her non-identical girls' personalities are changing. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Lohan's stock dropping

ANALYSTS CONCERNED STOCK DROP MAY AFFECT CANADIAN DOLLAR Online stock-trading company E*Trade has filed a motion to dismiss Lindsay Lohan's lawsuit against them as meritless, according to TMZ.

Lohan filed suit in March claiming the company's Super Bowl ad featuring a "milkaholic" baby named Lindsay was a dig at her. "We believe in the merits of the lawsuit and will be defending it vigorously," Lohan's lawyer tells TMZ in response to the latest motion.

Meanwhile, Michael Lohan is less than thrilled about daughter recent announcement that she'll star as adult film actress Linda Lovelace in a movie about the Deep Throat star's life. "Mark my words, it's a blunder and the film will flop," he tells Radar Online. "Lindsay doesn't need to be looking at or doing any films, music or anything right now. She needs rehab ... She will never be herself or be able to perform to the best of her ability as long as she is on prescription medication."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Katy Perry tops the Maxim Hot 100 list

I'M NOT SURE PERRY BEING DEEMED HOT QUALIFIES AS NEW NEWS Katy Perry earned the top spot in Maxim magazine's annual Hot 100 list of the world's hottest women.

"She's the best friend you suddenly realize you've loved your whole life," the magazine's editors say. "The rad chick who taught you to skateboard and whistle and also looks unbelievable in a bikini."

Coming in at No. 2 is swimsuit model Brooklyn Decker, who is currently filming a movie opposite Jennifer Aniston. Zoe Saldana. Blake Lively and Megan Fox round out the top five.

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Follow these celebrities on Twitter...

CelebTweets

COURTNEY LOVE takes to Twitter to give her estranged daughter romantic advice, **JOHN CUSACK** wants to meet Banksy, **SARAH BROWN** is finally relaxing after heavy campaigning, and **MATTHEW PERRY** is disappointed with technology.

@CourtneyLoveUK i really hope that boy is as nice as his sweet face, cos iff not ill get him, your just like me in almost every way and i know you hate it, there's plenty of fish in the sea lining up for both of us who will treat us like princesses & not like 2nd class citizens, or damaged goods

@johncusack @Banksyart2 love your stuff man.. we gotta meet up one day.

@SarahBrown10 had lovely 24 hour family break in Scotland, glass of wine, sort of a lie in, good to see many Fife friends at local church now back again

@langfordperry So I'm reading a book on my new ipad....but can't the ipad read it for me? Do I have to do everything?

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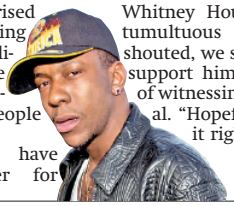
Miller joining Kabbalah?

SCIENTOLOGY WAS ALL FULL IT APPEAR Sienna Miller has prompted speculation she has converted to Kabbalah, after stepping out in New York wearing the faith's bracelet, which is a common symbol, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Brown proposes to Etheridge

MAYBE SHE NEVER HEARD ABOUT HIS PAST During a recent Florida concert, Bobby Brown surprised fans by proposing to girlfriend Alicia Etheridge on stage, according to People magazine.

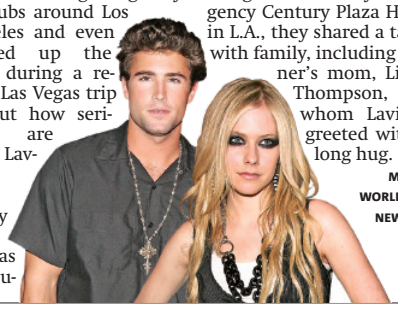


The couple have been together for three years and have an 11-month-old son together. Brown was married to Whitney Houston for 15 tumultuous years. "We support him," a fan says of witnessing the proposal. "Hopefully he'll get it right this time."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Avril, Brody get closer

IS IT STILL COOL TO BLEND CELEB COUPLE NAMES? 'CUZ BRAVRIL SOUNDS LIKE A HEADACHE MEDICINE They've been getting cozy at clubs around Los Angeles and even turned up the heat during a recent Las Vegas trip — but how serious are Avril Lavigne and Brody Jenner as a couple? Looks like they've already met the parents, people.com reports.



At Friday's Race to Erase MS gala at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel in L.A., they shared a table with family, including Jenner's mom, Linda Thompson, whom Lavigne greeted with a long hug.

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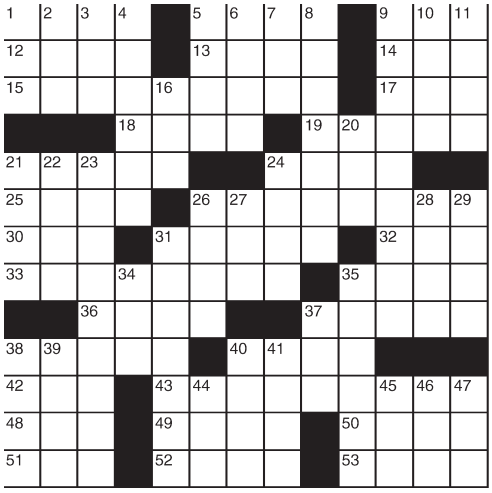

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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ACROSS

1 Roe provider
5 Big fusses
9 Kennel squeal
12 Day fraction
13 Surrounded
14 Rhyming praise
15 Quotable catcher
17 Solidify
18 Three-piece piece
19 Leavening agent
21 Check recipient
24 Oil cartel
25 "Once — a time, ..."
26 Parts of brains
30 Possibly will
31 Turning point
32 Diane Sawyer's network
33 One making a vow
35 Norway's capital
36 Song for two
37 Assail
38 Ecru
40 Old pronoun
42 Hearty brew
43 Sailors' chant
48 Cudgel
49 Eternally
50 Street
51 Type measures
52 "— of Our Lives"
53 Odds' mates

DOWN

1 Bashful
2 "Yoo- —!"
3 Sept. preceder
4 Strongly motivated
5 Quite some time
6 Gossip
7 Bobby of hockey
8 "Don't go anywhere"
9 Where people meet for a stretch?
10 Mid-month date
11 Hide
16 Spelling contest
20 Slithery fish
21 Gasoline dispenser
22 On — with (equal to)
23 Plans with frequent gains and losses
24 Stench
26 Atomizer output
27 Previous night
28 Competent
29 Highlander
31 Inebriated
34 Oktoberfest vessel
35 Body of work
37 Feathery neckwear
38 George Herman Ruth
39 Verve
40 Some other people
41 Not his
44 Eggs
45 A billion years
46 Possessed
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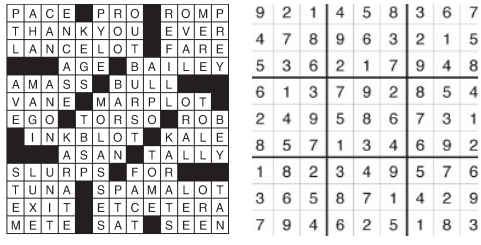

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Moroccan Chicken with Couscous

INGREDIENTS:

Chicken
1 lb skinless, boneless chicken breasts
1 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, chopped
1 tsp cumin
1 tsp coriander
1 cinnamon stick
2 zucchini, halved and sliced
398 ml can diced tomatoes
1 cup vegetable broth
1/2 lb sugar snap peas
398 ml can chickpeas, rinsed

Couscous
1 cup couscous
1 tbsp olive oil
1 1/2 cups boiling water
2 tsp butter
Salt and pepper to taste
Chopped fresh cilantro pieces

METHOD:

1. Slice chicken on diagonal. Heat oil in skillet. Add chicken, onion and garlic; cook over medium-high heat, stirring, until chicken turns white.

2. Reduce heat to low and add cumin, coriander and cinnamon. Cook, stirring, 1 minute. Add zucchini and stir well, then add tomatoes with their juice and broth. Cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

3. Meanwhile, put couscous in pot and pour over boiling water. Add oil. Stir, cover and leave to soak, off heat, 5 minutes.

4. Add sugar snaps and chickpeas to chicken. Cook 5 minutes, stirring.

5. Stir butter into couscous and cook over moderate heat 3 minutes, fluffing with fork. Pile couscous onto serving platter. Spoon chicken on top and garnish with cilantro.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Mercury, planet of the mind, turns in your favour today, and the most likely result is that you will adopt a more practical attitude to money matters.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Your mind will be working well today and whether you arrive at conclusions through logic or intuition the results will be good..

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
The deeper you go into a problem the more complicated it seems to get. Which suggests that you are trying too hard. Focus on something else.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Make an effort to finish a task you started a while back but never got round to completing. There are new opportunities on the horizon.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You may not take kindly to disagreement — and why should you when you are right and others are wrong? — but it will pay to be a bit more tolerant today.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You should find it a lot easier to understand opposing viewpoints today. That doesn't mean you will agree with them though.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Some kind of upheaval is likely today, most likely involving your finances, but there is precious little you can do about it except sit tight and ride out the storm.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Change is positive, change is good, and if you keep repeating that fact to yourself today sooner or later you will start to believe it.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
If you need help from those with more experience than you then now is the time to ask for it. People will be happy to point you in the right direction.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You no doubt feel that you can take on the world and win, and maybe you can, but there are still issues you don't fully understand, so be careful.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You may feel vaguely uneasy today but there is little to be worried about. In fact, good news about a family situation should reach you by the end of the day.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A difficult decision will come easy to you now. Also, if you have to say something a little unpleasant now is the time to give voice to your thoughts.

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